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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUEST

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1. ALL TURKISH MARCH 4 PAPERS CARRY WASHINGTON-DATELINED STORIES ON 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BUDGET PROPOSALS. MOST COVERAGE IS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND HIGHLIGHTS TURKISH AND GREEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAMS NOTING THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FOR TURKEY COMPARED TO THE MORE MODEST INCREASE FOR GREECE. IN ADDITION, STORIES REFLECT SECRETARY VANCE'S REMARKS ABOUT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE AID CUTS IMPOSED ON ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND ETHIOPIA. POPULAR MASS CIRCULATION "HURRIYET" HEADLINED ITS ARTICLE "CARTER INCREASES AID BUT DOES NOT LIFT ARMS EMBARGO." "HURRIYET"

QUOTED FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES THAT THE 1978 REQUEST WAS PREPARED BY THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, AND, EVEN THOUGH IT PROPOSED INCREASED CREDITS, IT DID NOT REMOVE THE EMBARGO IN GRANTS.

2. COMMENTS: USIS HAS RECEIVED LIMITED INQUIRIES AS TO WHETHER IT IS CORRECT TO INFER THAT THE \$250 MILLION SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR TURKEY MEANS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE DCA. WE ARE REPLYING AS NECCESSARY ON BACGROUND THAT THE REQUEST DOES NOT REFLECT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION AND IS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE POLICY REVIEW INITIATED BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

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